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Probate Law and Practice of Connecticut. By Livingston W. Cleaveland, Harrison Hewitt and Charles Edward Clark, of the New Haven Bar. Banks Law Publishing Company, New York City. 1915. pp. LXVIII, 1098.

Mr. Cleaveland, formerly Judge of Probate of the District of New Haven, assisted by Messrs. Hewitt and Clark, have rendered a valuable service to the members of the Bar and Probate Judges of Connecticut by the preparation of this book, the more praiseworthy, because a work of its thoroughness and extent must, in a small state like Connecticut, have been undertaken without hope of reward other than that of benefiting their profession and the state. Prior to publication of the book under consideration, there have been two publications on Connecticut Probate Law, the more considerable of which was by Nobbs & Stevenson of Bridgeport, in 1905. This was a valuable and extensively used work. Much has happened in the development of Probate Law in the last ten years, and the present work has been brought down to date, including a large part of Volume 88 of the Connecticut Reports. Although containing over a thousand pages, the statutes are sparingly reprinted and the citation of other than Connecticut authorities is limited. A few leading textbooks are cited. The extent of the body of Probate Law is shown by the fact that approximately two thousand cases are cited from our reports, this being from one-sixth to one-seventh of the entire number of cases reported on all subjects.

This work will be of immediate and great practical value to all interested in probate law, and the one hundred and fifty-three forms printed in the appendix will be of much use. There is also printed in the appendix an essay by Judge Cleaveland on the history of the Origin of Connecticut Probate Jurisdiction, and of some of our probate doctrines, showing much research. The discussion of the various subjects is full but not redundant, and, so far as can be determined without actual use, is as exhaustive and accurate as the present state of our law will allow.

We congratulate the authors on doing a valuable piece of work which cannot fail to be of constant use to the bench and bar of our state. And its value for use in this state is greatly emphasized by the fact that its scope is practically limited to our own law and does not involve the liability to error always likely to occur when our law must be selected from a treatise covering the law of the several states. While such treatises are important

when some obscure or undetermined point is under investigation, in the great majority of instances arising in daily practice, a local hand book like this is quite sufficient.

This book has made easily available all our law upon the subject as determined to date.

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Restrictions on the Use of Real Property. By C. P. Berry. Published by George I. Jones, St. Louis, Mo. 1915. pp. XLV, 657.

A great many law books which are being published nowadays and which purport to be text-books are in reality not much more than digests of the law on the subject to which they relate. The book in question is of this kind. It is a digest of the law relating to restrictions on the use of real property. But it would hardly be fair to the author to say that he claims to have written a text-book. In his preface he says that he has made special effort to produce "a practical working tool for the busy lawyer." This might mean either a text-book or a digest and the book in hand is essentially a digest.

It does not follow from this, however, that the author has not rendered a valuable service to the legal profession. The phase of the law which he has chosen is one of growing importance and will become more and more important with the increase in population and its incident necessity of crowding larger and larger numbers of people into given territorial areas.

The author has covered his field well. He has not confined himself to the American cases, but has included the Canadian, English, Irish and Scotch cases as well. The excellence of his index makes the material included easily and readily accessible. Half a dozen different words or expressions in the index will often conduct you to the case on the question in hand. The book should prove of very great value to every lawyer who has a real estate practice.

H. W. A.

The Doctrine of Intervention. By Henry G. Hodges. The Banner Press, Princeton. 1915. pp. 288.

This is a useful summary of a subject much in evidence in public thought and the author may be congratulated on having chosen for his work a branch of international study which has